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Global Links: Aiding Maternal-Infant Health in the Dominican Republic

(Pittsburgh, PA Dec. 7) On Monday, December 7, Global Links sent its 16th shipment of medical aid to the Dominican Republic.

This shipment will benefit two large and very busy maternal-infant hospitals. The first beneficiary is Maternidad Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia. This hospital does about 25,000 deliveries per year and admits about 60,000 patients. The second hospital, Centro Materno-Infantil San Lorenzo de Los Mina, has 200 beds that does about 9,300 deliveries per year and admits 33,800 annually.

Both hospitals will receive basic furnishings such as beds, mattresses, gurneys and exam tables. These items will help the hospitals provide adequate patient care. The hospitals will also each receive 150 boxes of supplies and basic equipment such as blood-pressure units and feeding pumps. The San Lorenzo hospital also received additional equipment such as a mammography unit, infant warmer for the labor and delivery unit, and 2 pulse oximeters.



This shipment also includes 2 anesthesia machines for the Palenque Community Hospital in the province of San Cristobal. The operating room had NO working anesthesia machine. Since the old unit stopped working months ago, the hospital has had to cancel needed surgeries. The basic operating room that is currently out of service is pictured at left. This donation will allow the OR to reopen.

The total value of the shipment is \$353,038 and is expected to arrive in Santo Domingo in early January.